

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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LOAN TO SMALL FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of small farmers of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes granted loans by regional rural development banks in Karnataka;
- (b) whether such farmers are facing difficulty in getting loan; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to remove the difficulties in getting loan?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal)

(a):- The outstanding number of accounts of small farmers relating to Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) for the six RRBs functioning in the State of Karnataka as on 30th June, 2007 is 1,70,538 and the amount outstanding against them is Rs. 697.52 crore,

(b)and(c) NABARD has reported that no complaint regarding any difficulty faced by such farmers in the grant of loans in the State of Karnataka has been received by them. Monitoring the applications received from SC/ST borrowers separately by Controlling Offices of the banks and the rejection of the loan applications at a level higher than the sanctioning authority are some of the measures taken by Banks to remove the difficulties in grant of loans to such farmers.